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As you are aware, the state budget cuts \$5 million from More at Four funding for the 2010-2011 year.

Efforts going forward will be focused on strengthening the fidelity of the More at Four program while managing this reduction. Therefore, the Office of Early Learning (OEL) is currently looking at MAFPlan data to administer the cut by eliminating classrooms that do not meet MAF standards. An across-the-board cut to MAF contracts will not be considered. Affected contractors will be contacted by this office directly.

To determine how to make this cut, the OEL is examining:

- More at Four providers that hold a 3 star license; and/or
- More at Four classrooms that are entering the 6<sup>th</sup> year of participation (in 2010-2011) and do not have a lead teacher with a minimum of a bachelor's degree.

In addition, a review of the data that were provided to this office concerning services delivered at the local level with state More at Four funds has been completed. This review is informing the discussion regarding a new funding structure for the program, which has been directed in current legislation. Further details are forthcoming.

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